

# How do hydrogen bonds influence thermophoresis?

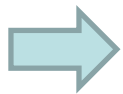
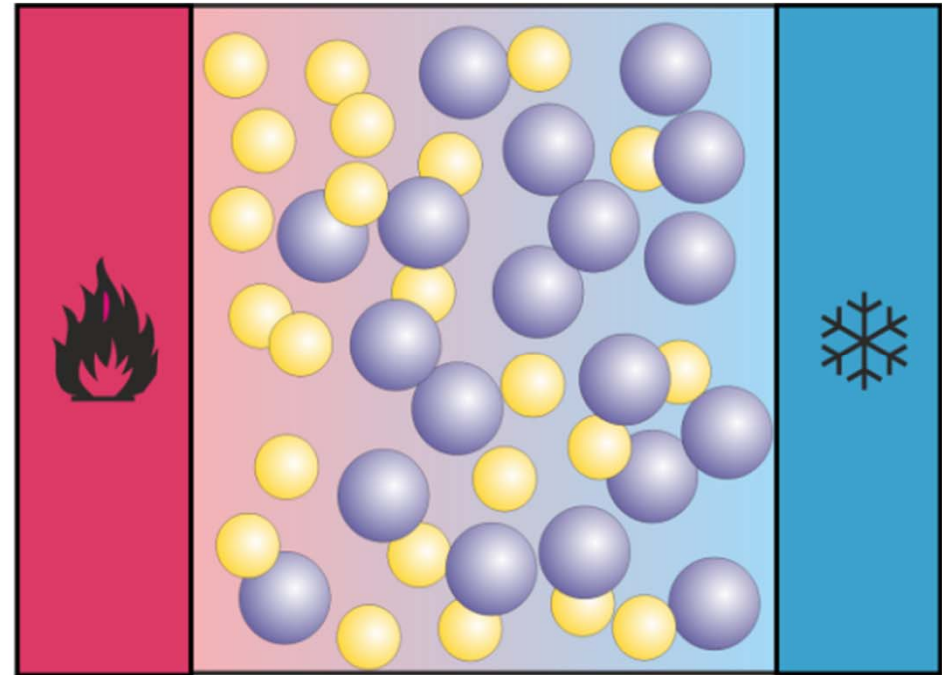
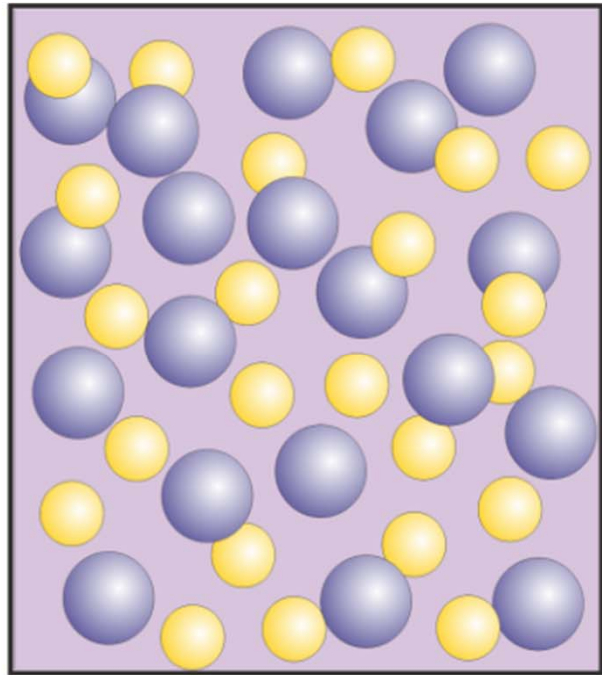
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# Thermophoresis – the effect

(..., thermodiffusion, Soret effect)



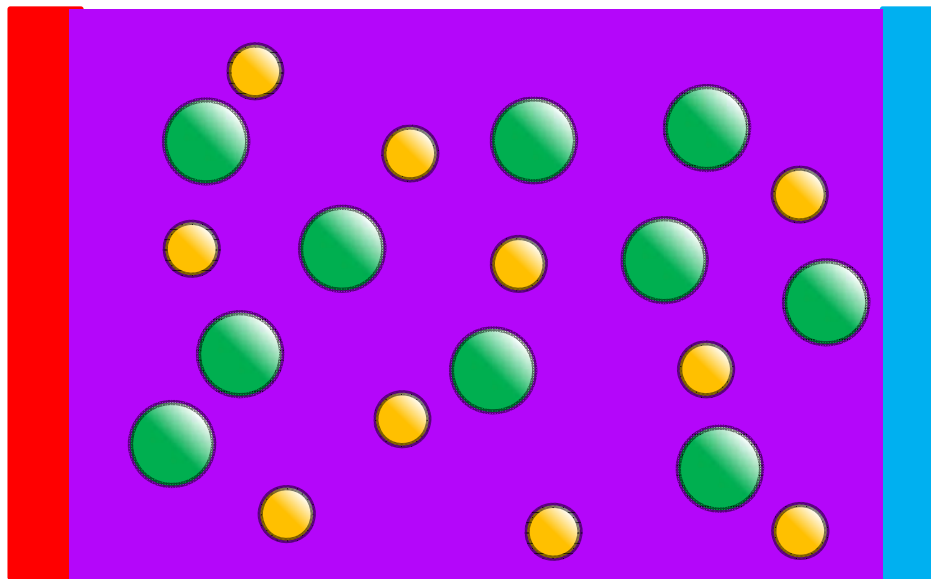
**No microscopic understanding**

# Thermophoresis – the effect

$$\vec{j} = -D\vec{\nabla}w - w(1-w)D_T\vec{\nabla}T$$

Steady state  $\vec{j} = 0$

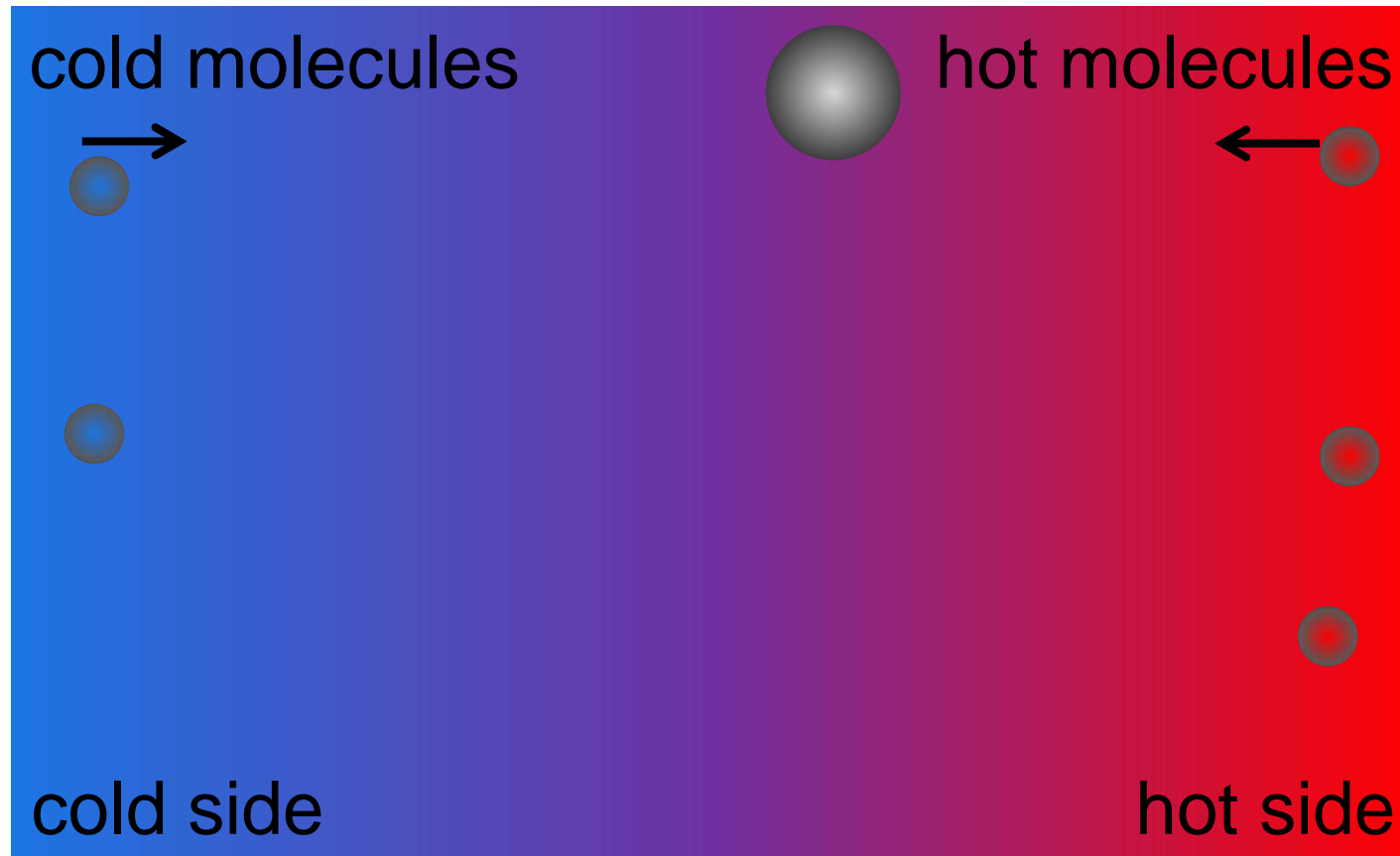
$$S_T = \frac{D_T}{D} \propto \frac{\Delta c}{\Delta T}$$



$D$  - diffusion coefficient,  
 $w$  - concentration,  
 $D_T$  - thermodiffusion coeff.,

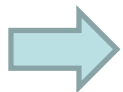
$\vec{j}$  – flux,  
 $T$  – temperature,  
 $S_T$  – Soret coefficient

# Mass effect: animation



“kinetic gas model”

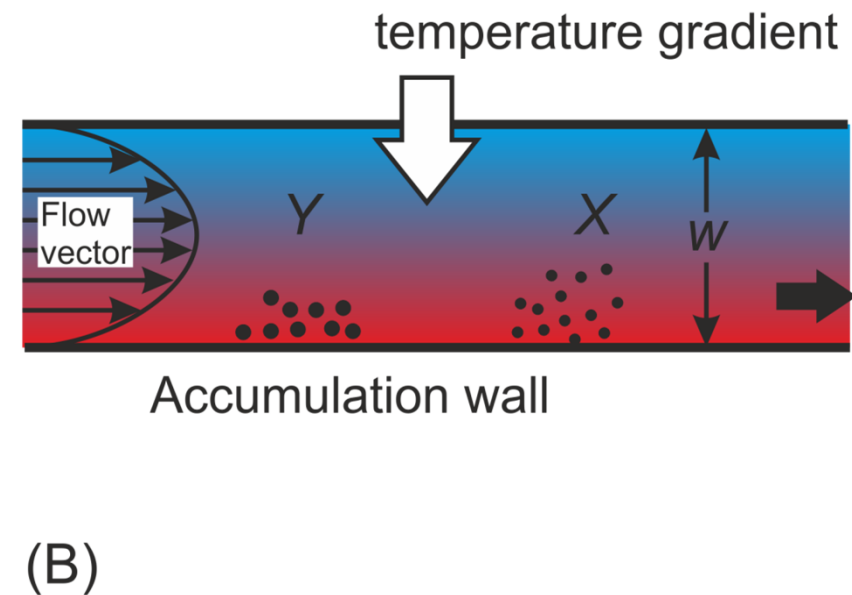
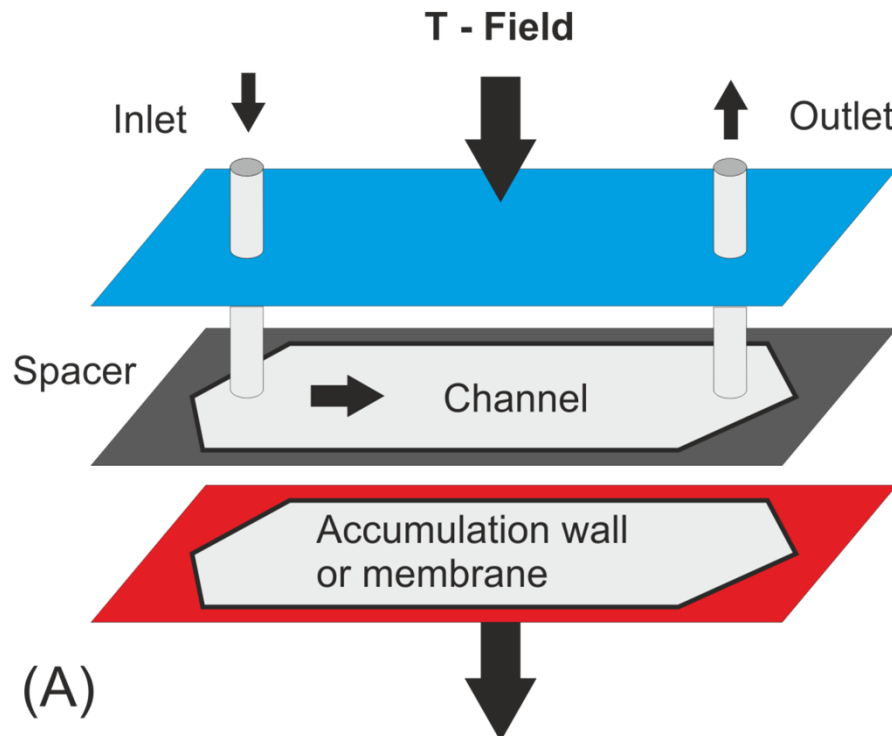
higher momentum transfer from the warm side



**Enrichment of the heavy particles on the cold side**

# Thermophoresis: Where is it used?

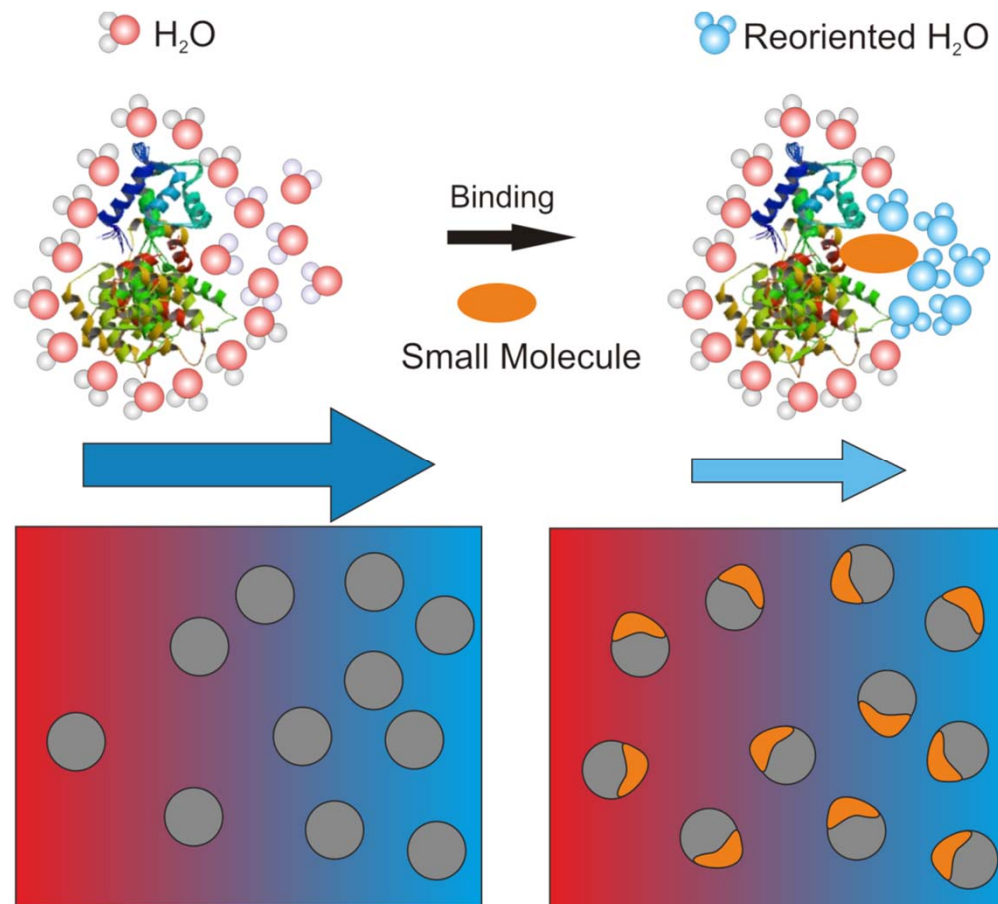
**Application examples:** “Characterization of Soft Matter”  
Thermal field flow fractionation



SW., *Introduction to thermal gradient related effects*, in *Functional Soft Matter*, J.K.G. Dhont, et al., Editors. 2015, Forschungszentrum Jülich: Jülich. p. F4.1-F4.24.

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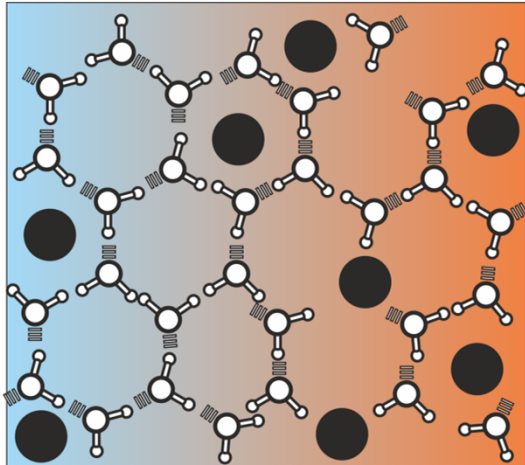
Application examples: “Biochemical reactions”  
Microscale thermophoresis



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# Hydrogen bonds: temperature effect

Assuming local thermodynamic equilibrium



**At low temperatures:**

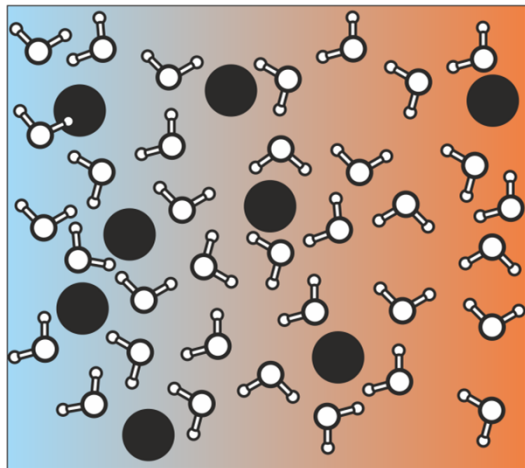
minimization of the free energy

$$F = U - TS$$

by forming hydrogen bonds ( $\Delta U < 0$ ).



water goes to the cold side



**At high temperatures:**

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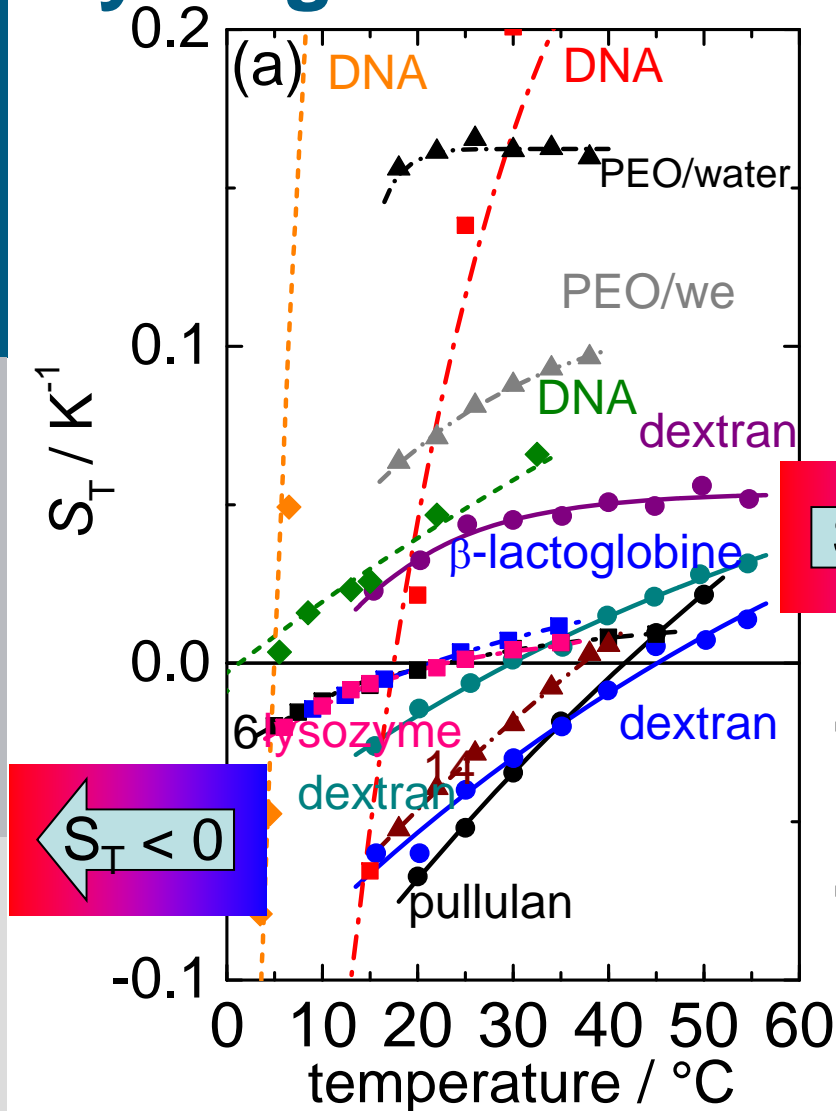
$$F = U - TS$$

by entropy production ( $\Delta S > 0$ ).



water goes to the warm side

# Hydrogen bonds: temperature effect



Many, but not all aqueous systems show a similar temperature dependence

$$S_T(T) = S_T^\infty \left[ 1 - \exp\left(\frac{T^\pm - T}{T_0}\right) \right]$$

empirical parameter  $S_T^\infty$ ,  $T^\pm$  and  $T_0$

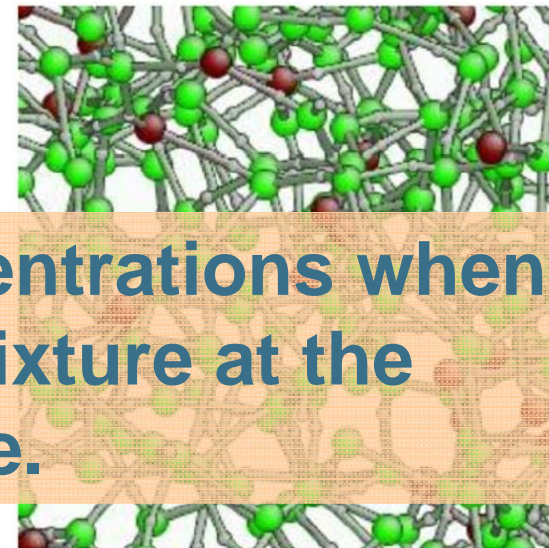
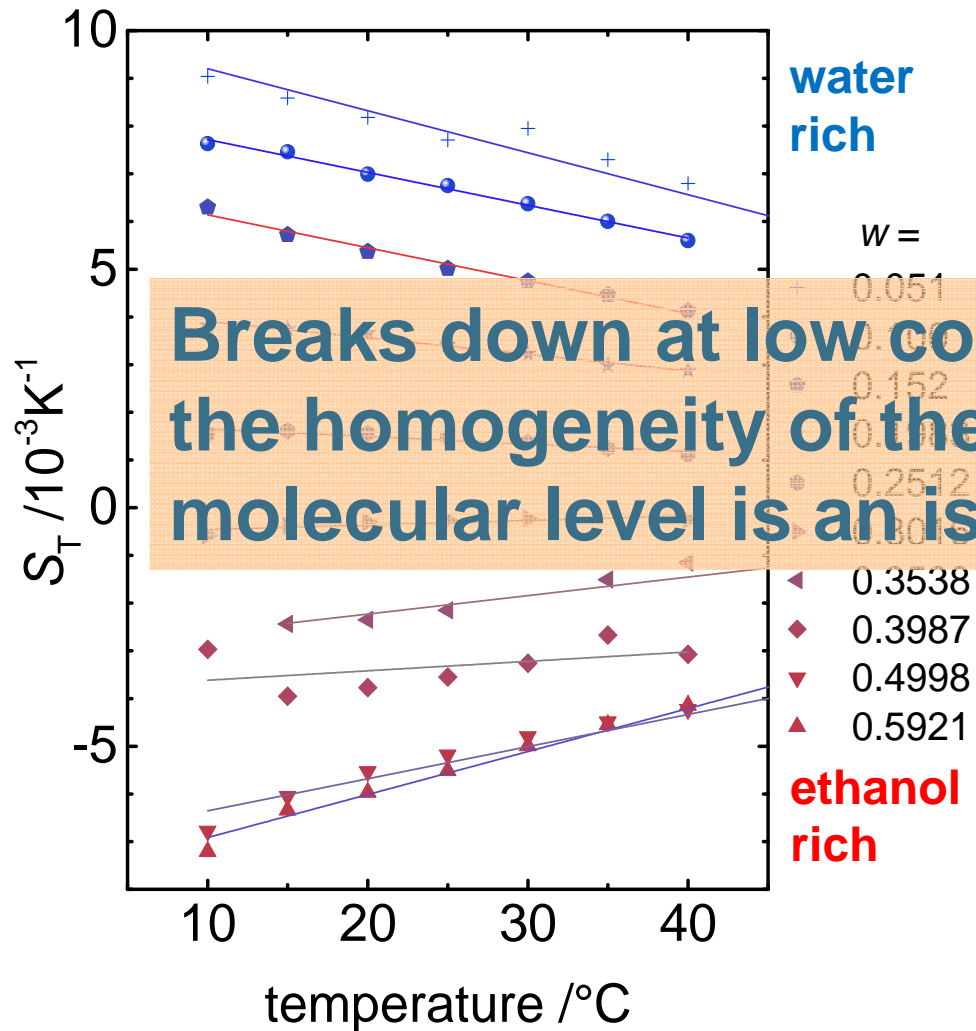
[Iacopini et al., Eur. Phys. J. E, **19**(2006) 59]

[Kishikawa, Y., SW, and R. Kita, Biomacromolecules, **11** (2010) 740]



# Validity of the empirical formula?

**ethanol/water**



20 mol % ethanol

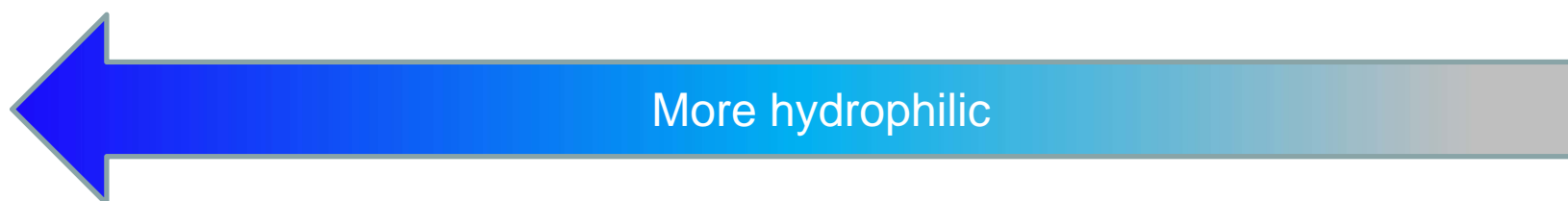
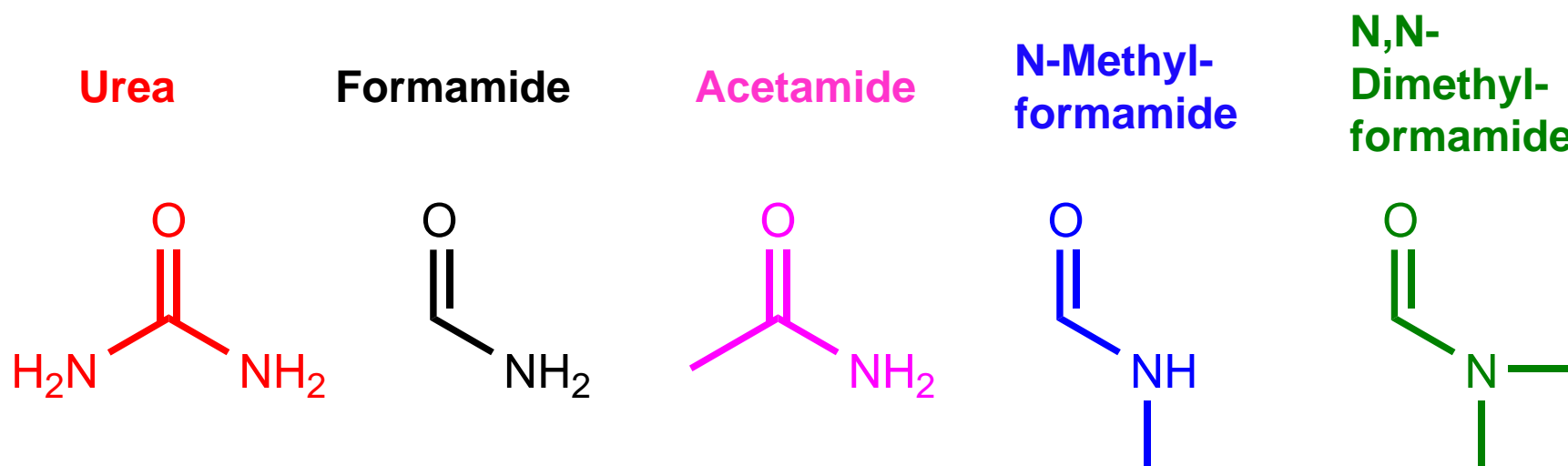
- “pure water rings are formed”
- **clumping** of like molecules

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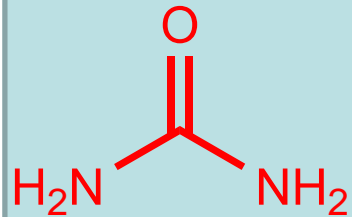
# Systematic study of amides

Why amides? “.. serve as model of the peptide bond”

[Y. Lei et al. JPC A, **107** (2003) 1574]



# Temperature dependence



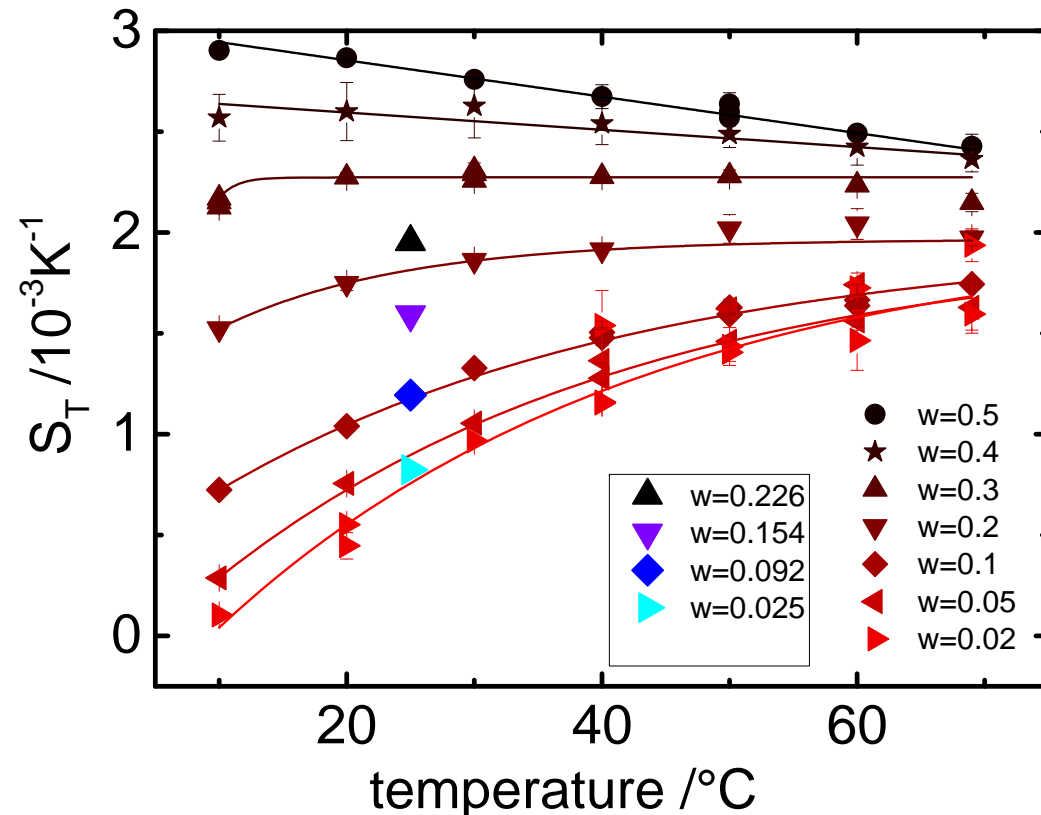
urea in water

- at low concentrations ( $w \leq 0.3$ ):

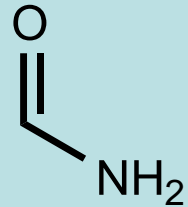
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- more flexible fit function needed to describe T-dependence at higher concentrations:

$$S_T(T) = S_T^\infty + a \cdot \exp(-b \cdot T)$$



# Temperature dependence



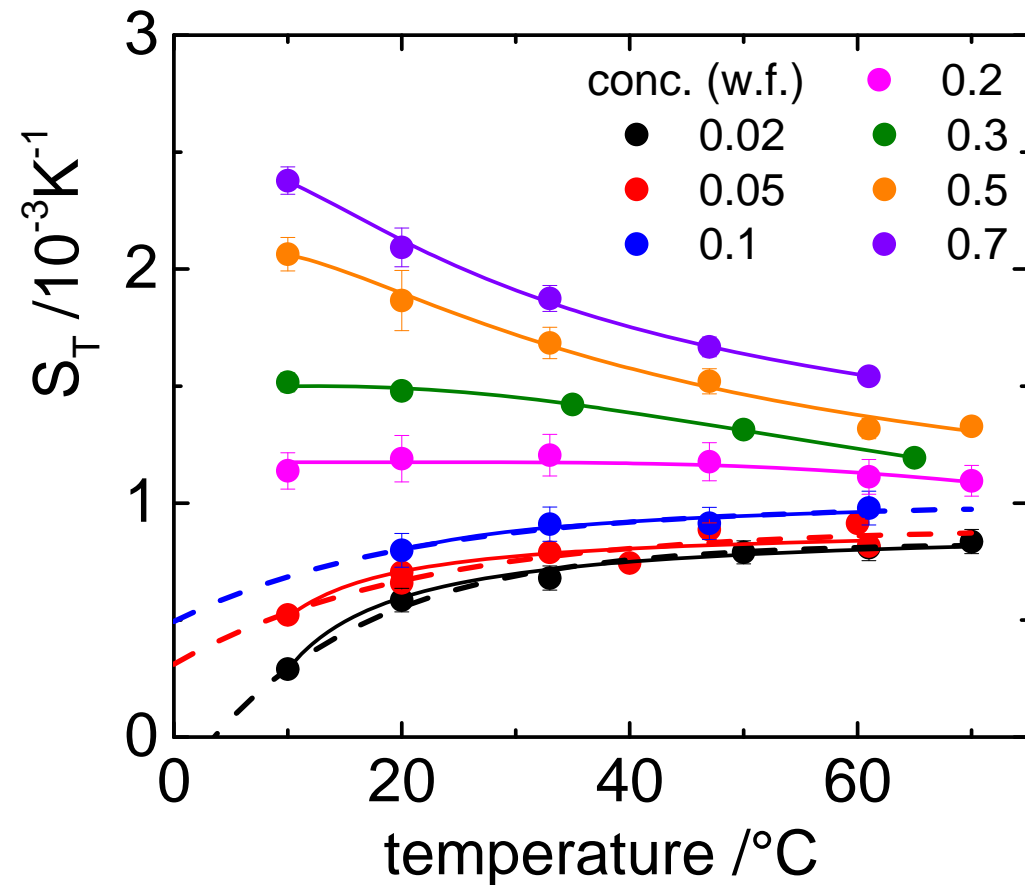
formamide in water

- at low concentrations ( $w < 0.2$ ):

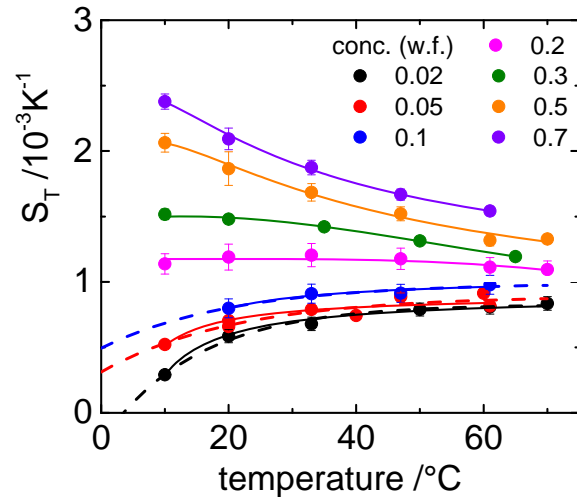
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# Structural explanation



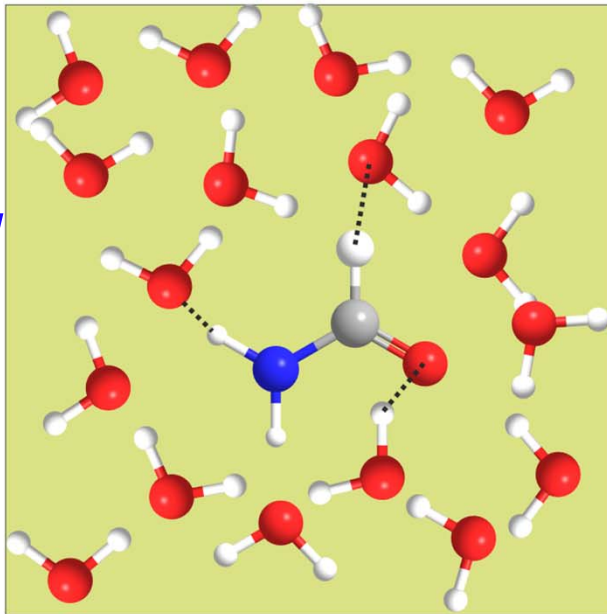
Molecular dynamic simulations  
[Elola & Ladanyi, JCP 125,(2006) 184506]

conc. = ?

suggest the following picture:

low w

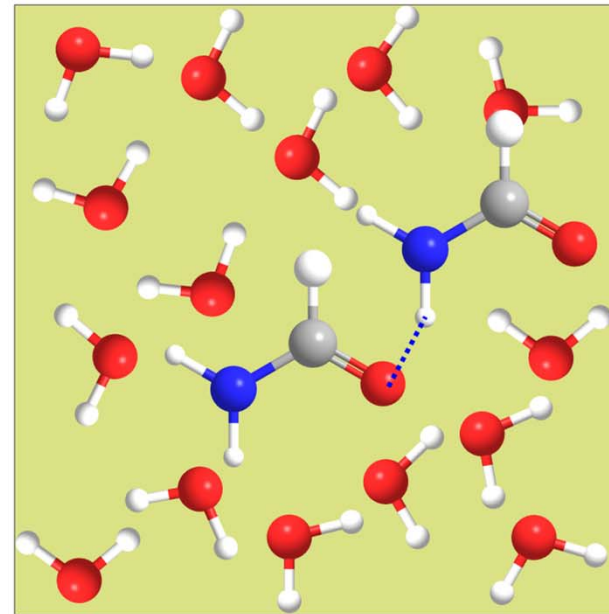
only FA-W  
hydrogen  
bonds



slope  $S_T > 0$

higher w

also FA-FA  
hydrogen  
bonds



slope  $S_T < 0$

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## Thermophoretic accumulation in hydrothermal pores

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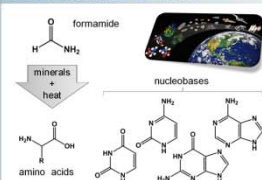
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### Introduction

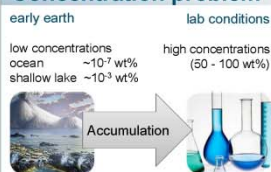
Formamide has been shown to form prebiotic molecules under catalytic conditions.<sup>[1]</sup> These findings assume a high formamide concentration. On early earth this would only be possible through accumulation.<sup>[2]</sup> The thermophoretic behaviour of the formamide/water system was measured. Finite element simulations show that a high degree of formamide accumulation in hydrothermal pores is possible.<sup>[3]</sup>

[1] P. Saladino et al., *Physics of Life Reviews* 9 (2012) 84  
[2] S. Miyakawa et al., *Orig. Life Evol. Biosph* 32(3) (2002) 195  
[3] D. Niether et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 113(16) (2016) 4272

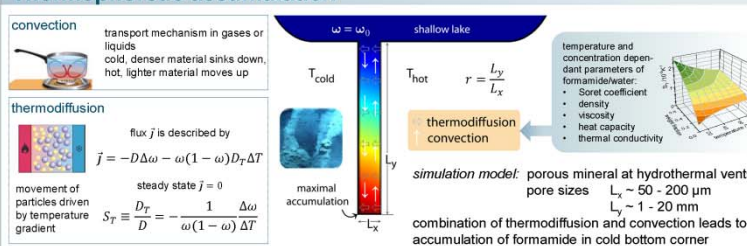
### Precursors of life



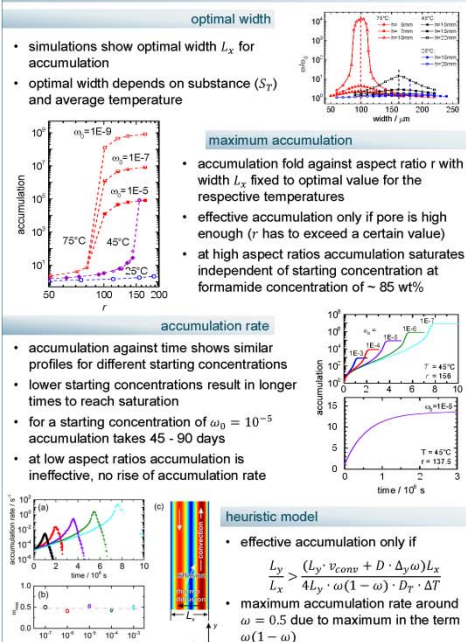
### Concentration problem



### Thermophoretic accumulation



### Results



A way to achieve sufficiently high formamide concentrations to form prebiotic nucleobases under early earth conditions

by

Doreen Niether



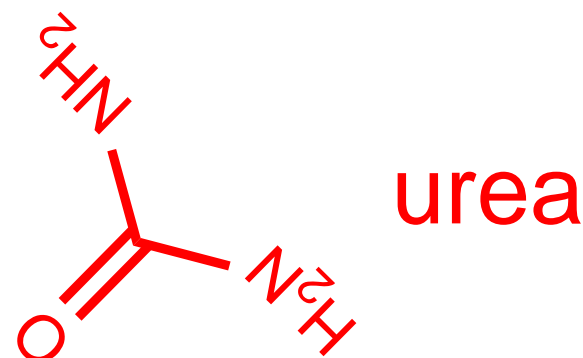
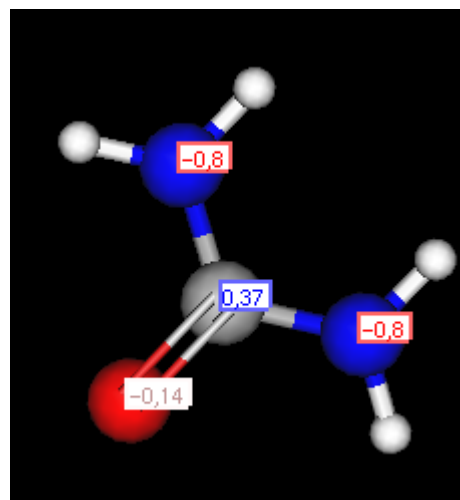
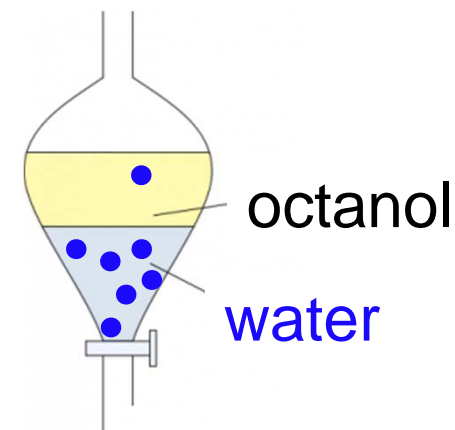
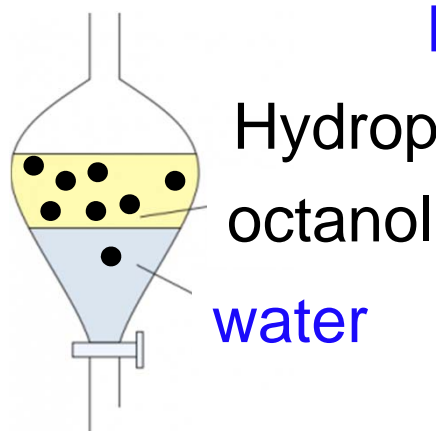


# „log $P$ “ a „Scale bar“ for hydrogen bonding strength?

$$\log P = \log \left( \frac{[\text{solute}]_{\text{octanol}}}{[\text{solute}]_{\text{water}}^{\text{unionized}}} \right)$$

Hydrophilic compound:  $\log P < 0$

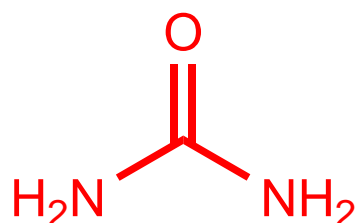
Hydrophobic compound:  $\log P > 0$



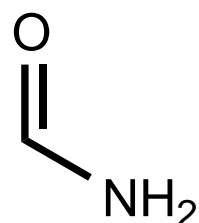
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 G. Klopman *et al.* J Chem Inf Comp Sci, **34** (1994) 752-781.  
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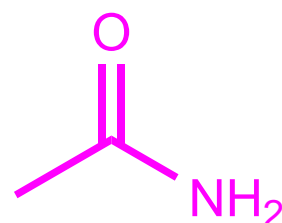
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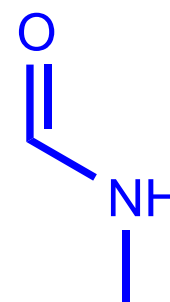
Formamide



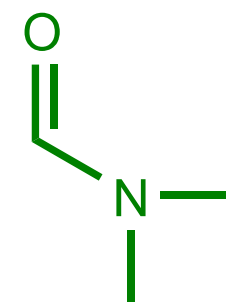
Acetamide



N-Methyl-formamide



N,N-Dimethyl-formamide



Log  $P$  =

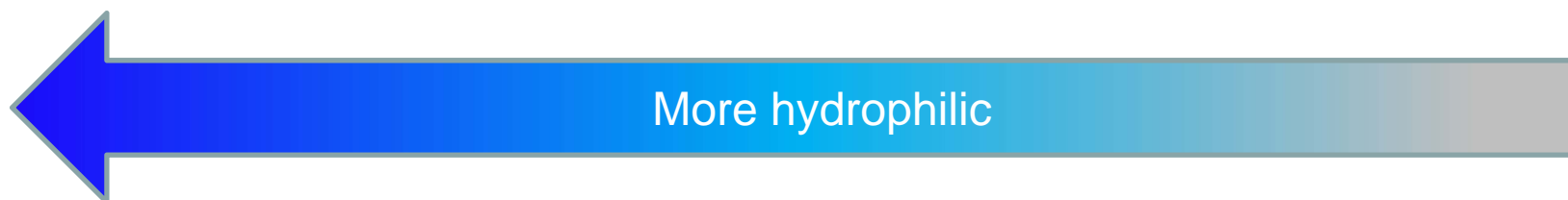
-1.30

-1.13

-1.03

-0.89

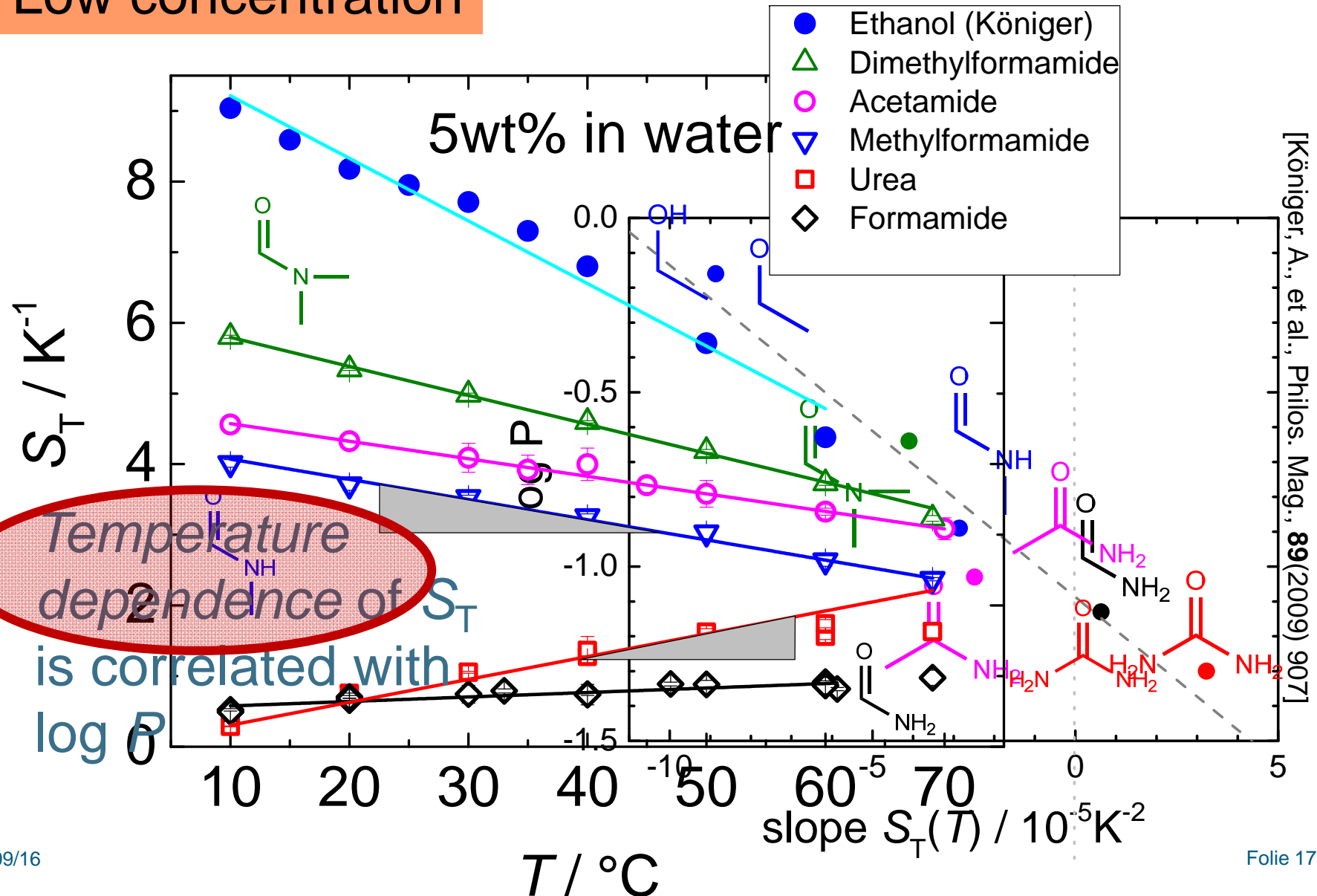
-0.64



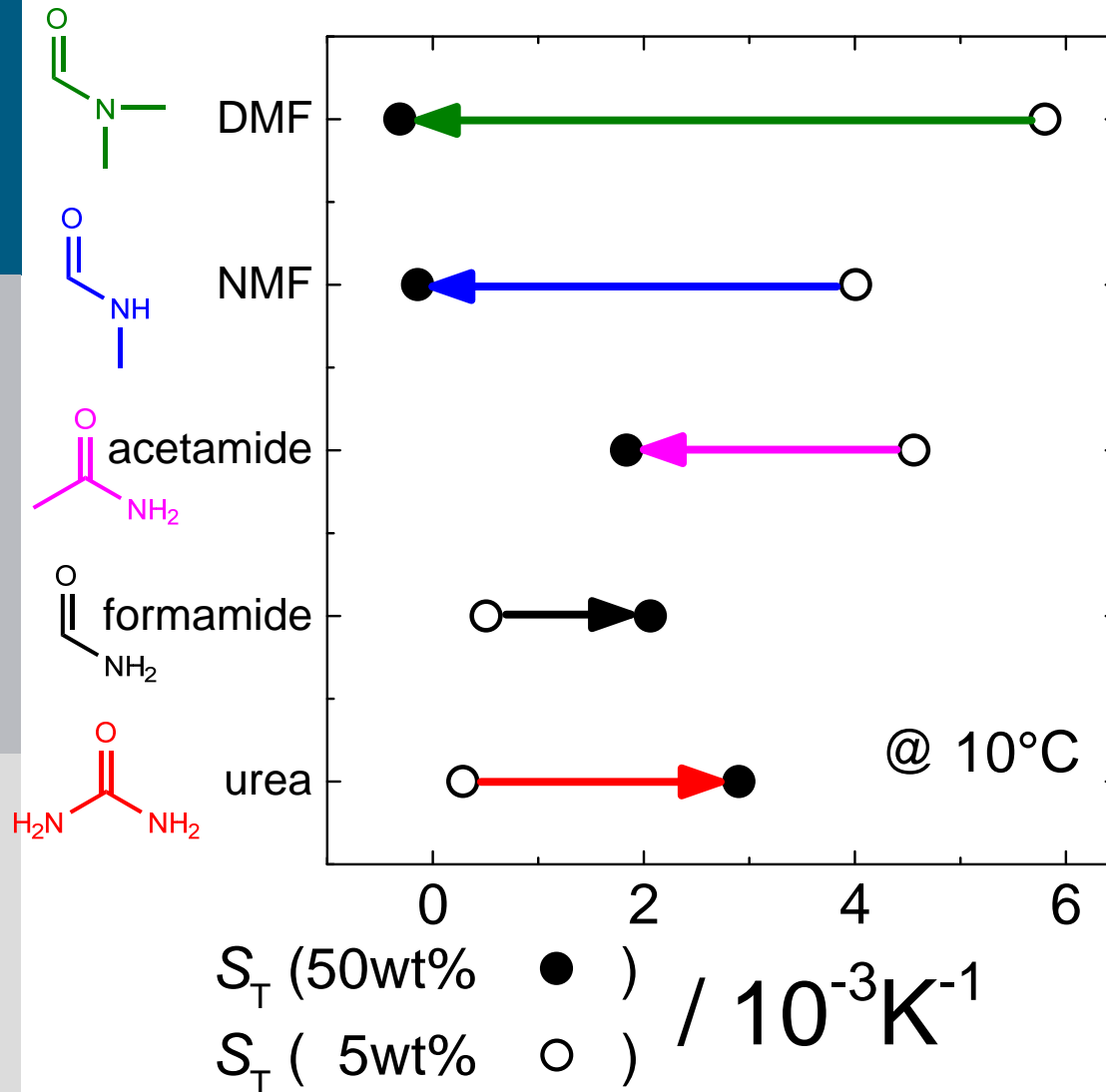


# „log $P$ “ a „Scale bar“ for polar solvents ?

Low concentration



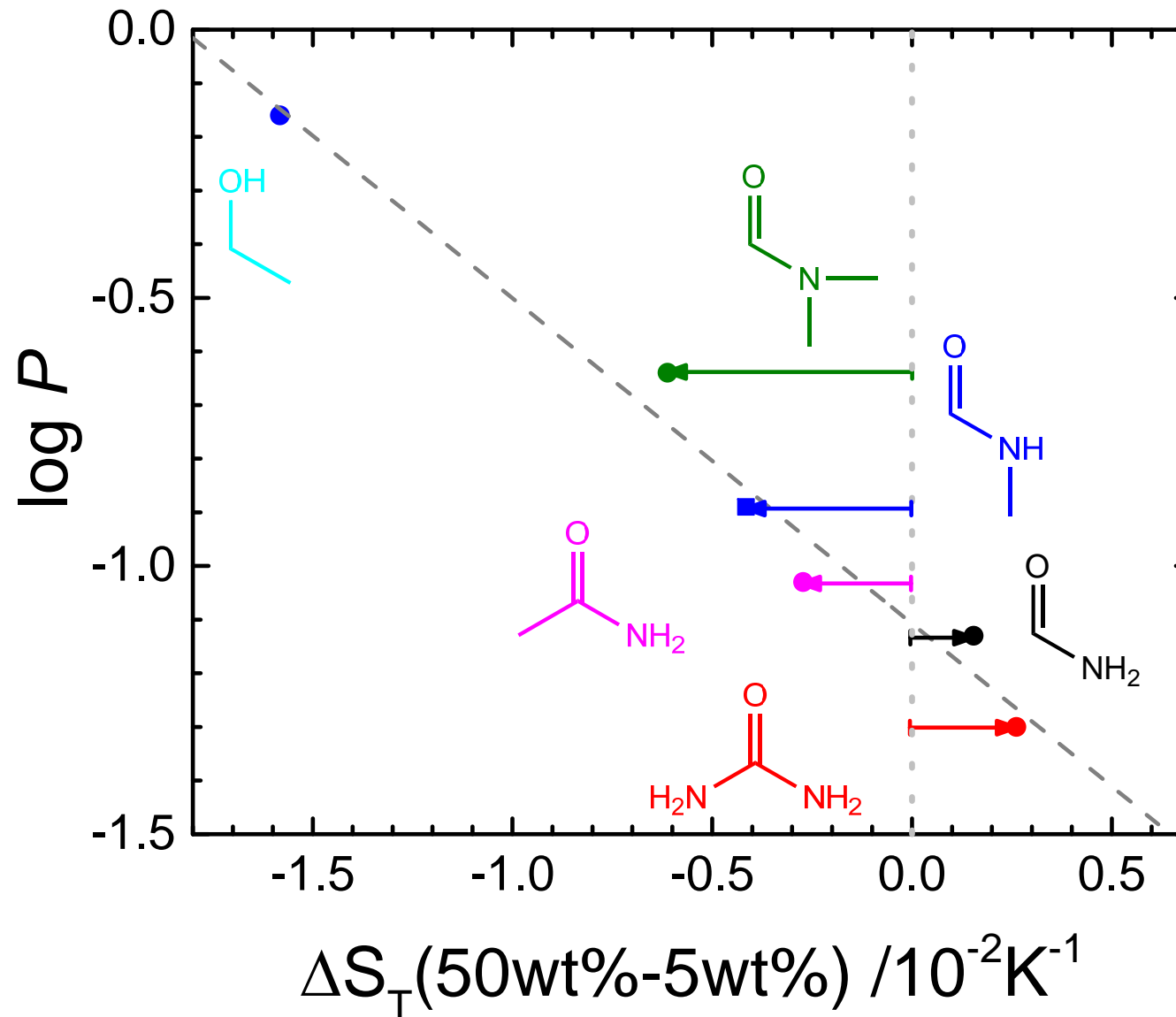
# Comparison: low and high concentration



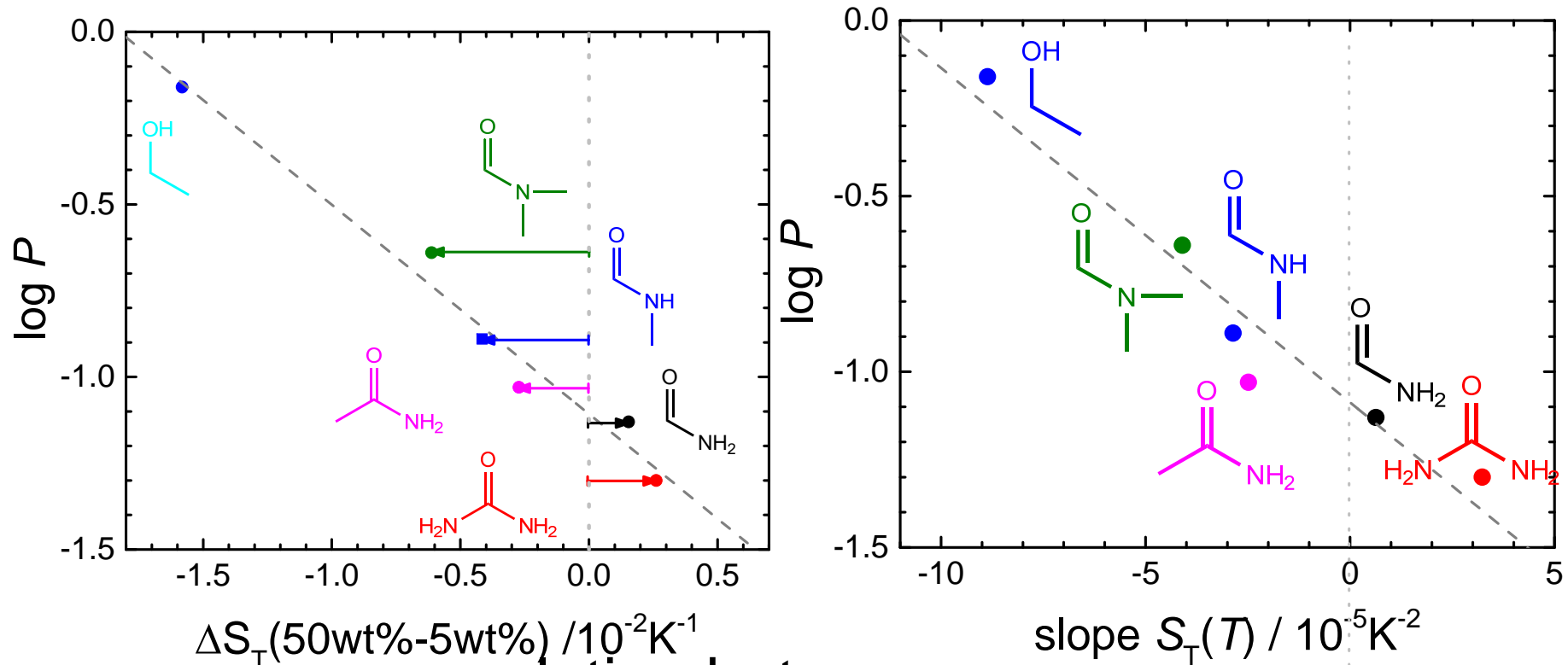
**hydrophobic systems:**  
increasing concentration:  
solute becomes more  
thermophilic

**hydrophilic systems:**  
increasing concentration:  
solute becomes more  
thermophobic

# „log p“ scales $S_T$ change with concentration



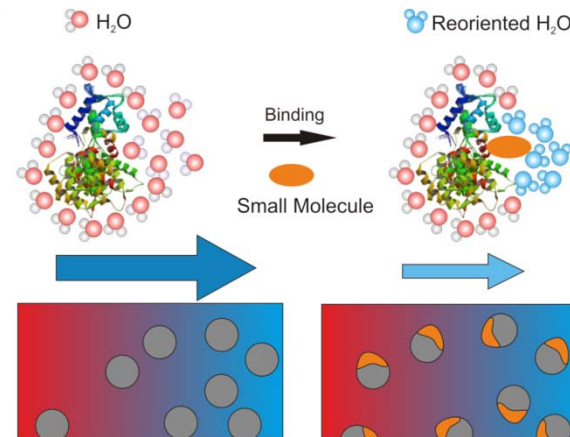
# „log $p$ “ scales $\Delta S_T$ in respect to $c$ and $T$



correlation between  
**log  $P$**  and the **change of  $S_T$**  with  
... **concentration**  
... **temperature**

## Take home message

Thermophoresis is sensitive to changes of the hydration layer

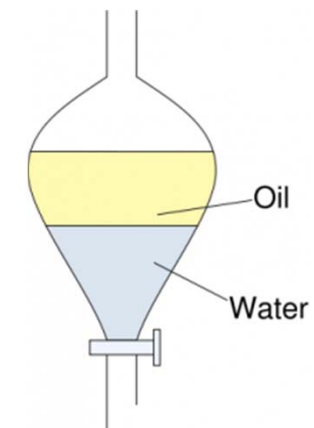


$$S_T(T) = S_T^\infty \left[ 1 - \exp\left(\frac{T^\pm - T}{T_0}\right) \right]$$

breaks down at high  $w$   
breaks down at low  $w$   
due to inhomogeneities

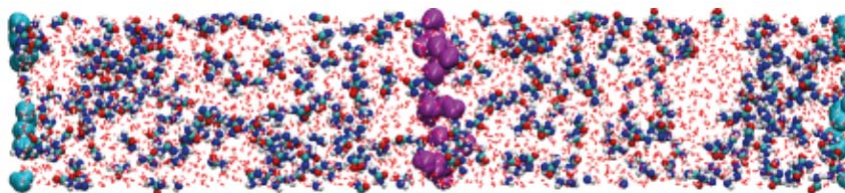
Log  $P$  correlates with **temperature dependence** of  $S_T$

Log  $P$  correlates with **concentration change** of  $S_T$

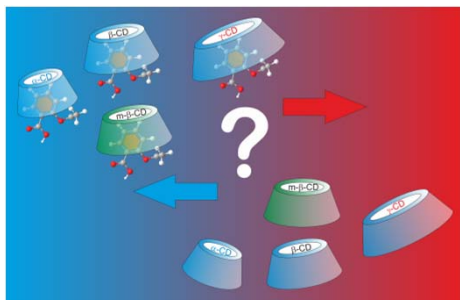


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Silvia di Lecce  
Imperial College London, GB



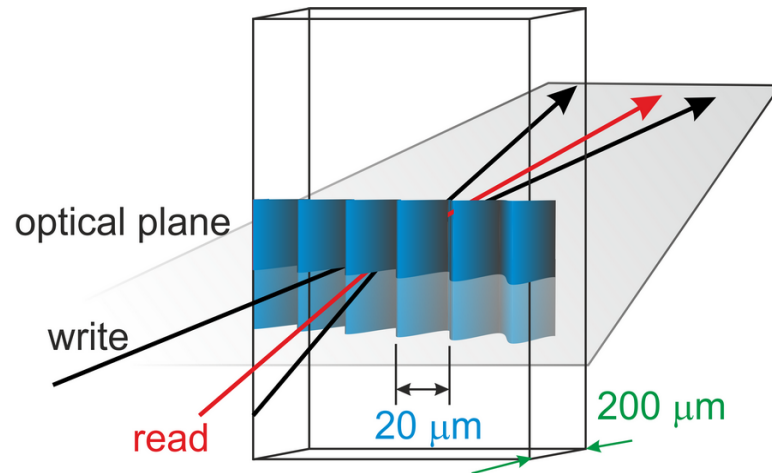
Rio Kita's lab  
Kazuya Eguchi  
Tokai University, Japan



## ... thank you for your attention



# How do we measure?



**IR-TDFRS** – InfraRed -Thermal  
Diffusion Forced Rayleigh Scattering

## Advantages:

- small  $\Delta T$
- no fluorescent labeling required
- wide molecular range

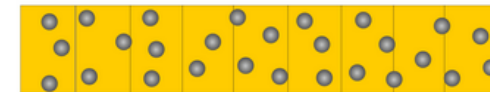
## Disadvantages:

- buffer solutions: difficult
- colloids >100 nm: difficult.

Typical gradients: 1K/m

**Measured quantity:  
Intensity of the  
diffracted beam**

homogeneous  
temperature  
and particle  
distribution

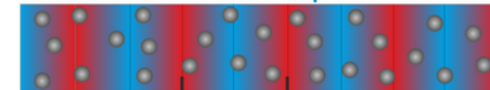


**laser grating**

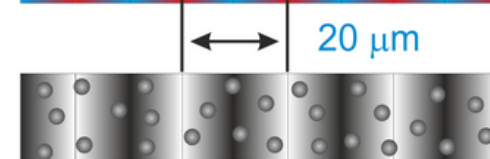


$\Delta T = 20-100 \mu K$

temperature  
grating

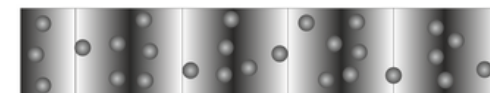


refractive index  
grating



**thermal diffusion**

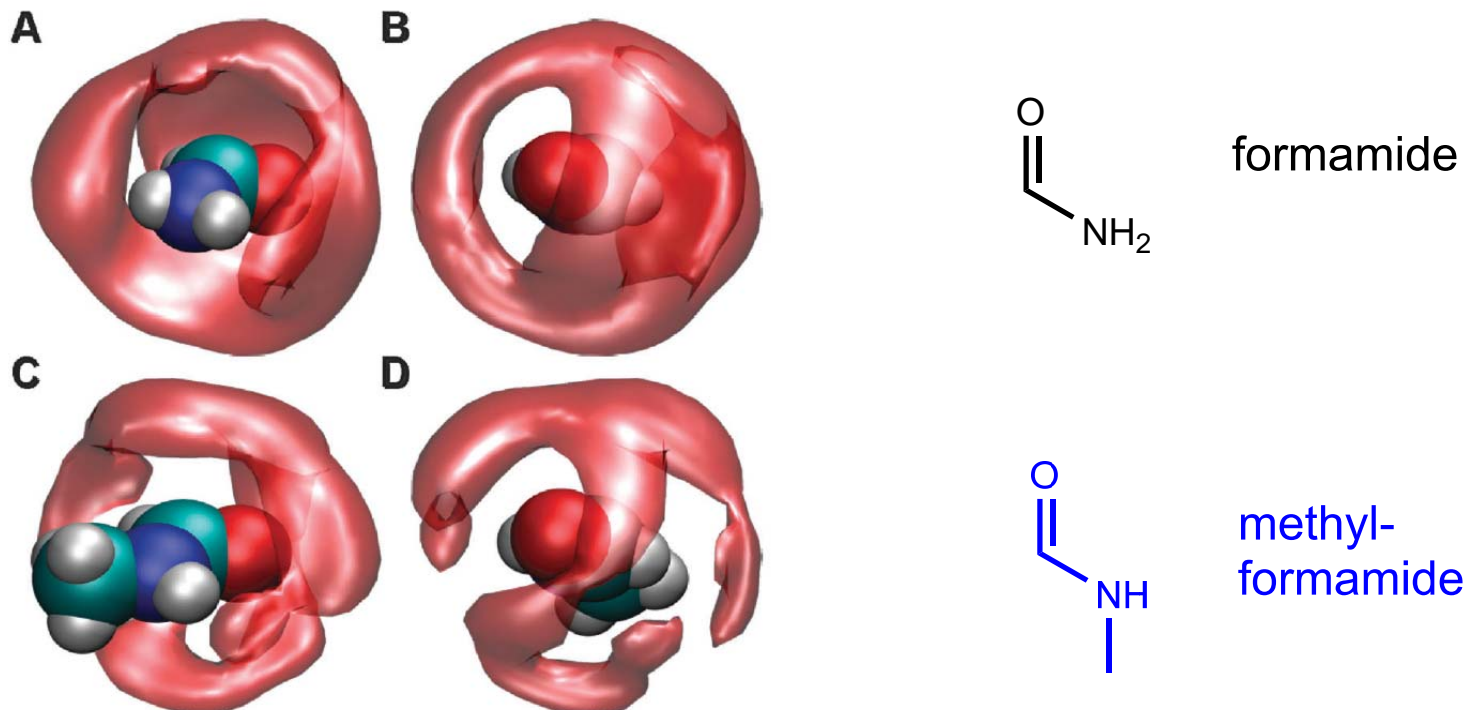
concentration  
grating



[SW *et al.*, J. Phys. Chem. B, 111(2007) 14169]

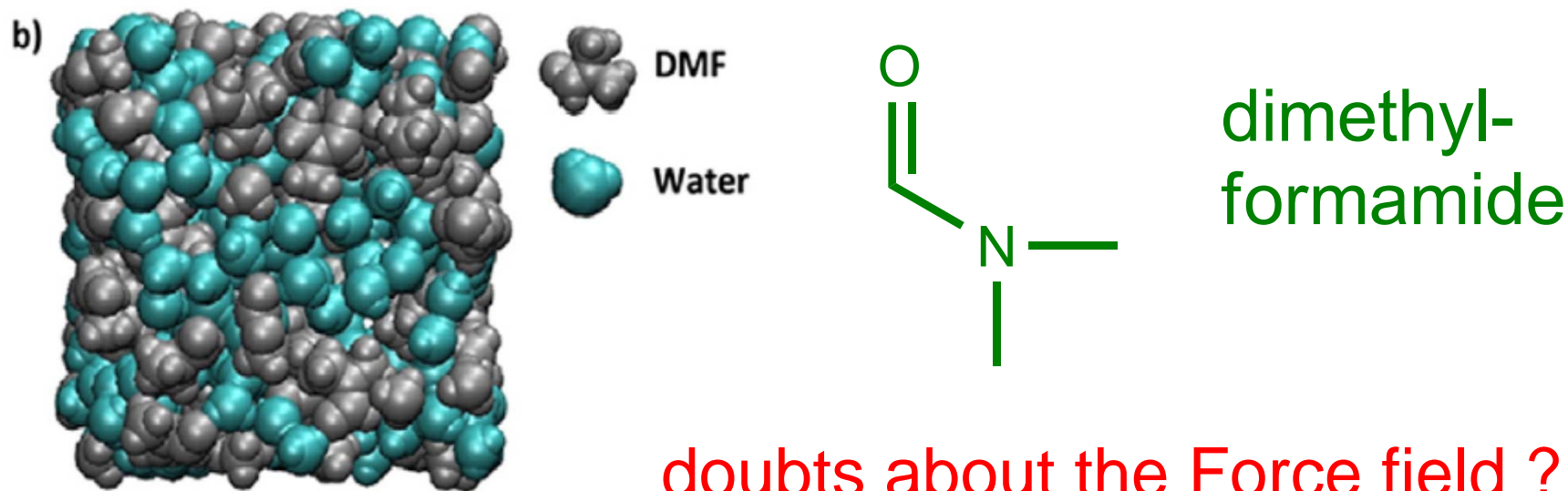


# Formamide vs. *N*-methylformamide



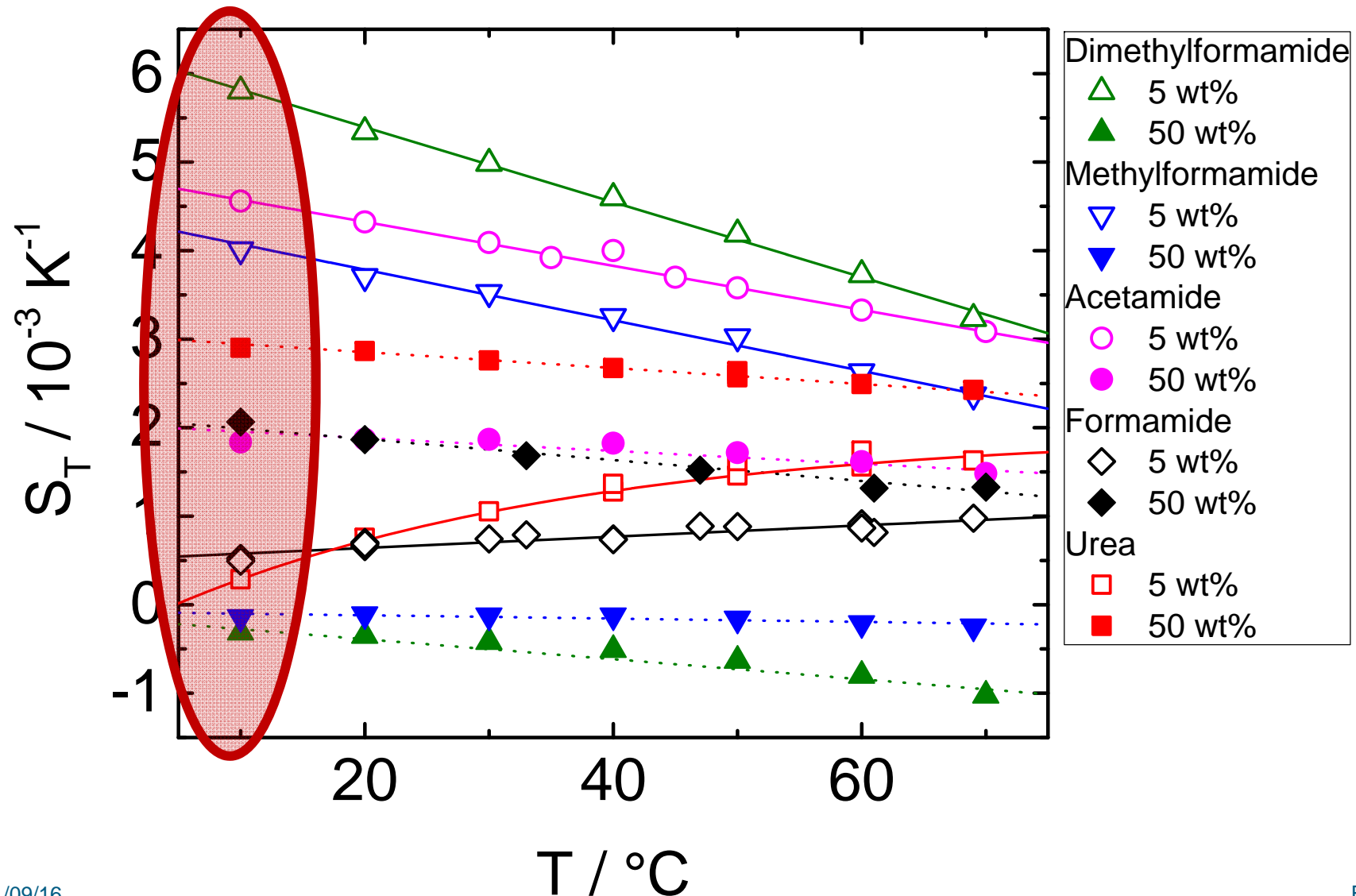
*“Whereas formamide is almost encaged by the **oxygen density**, the influence of the methyl group disrupts this pattern rigorously”*

# Dimethylformamide/water

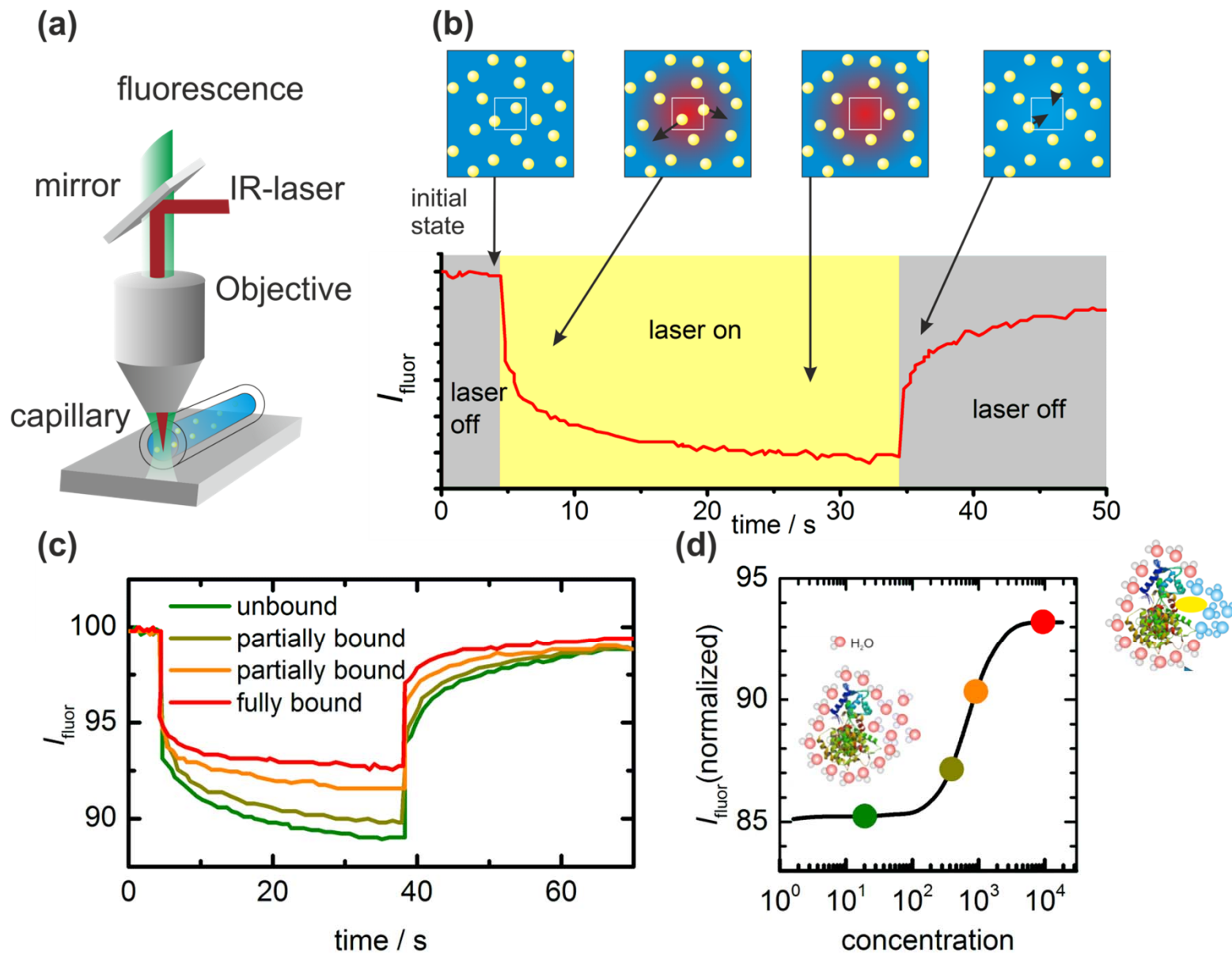


*“The increases in the peaks of RDFs between water molecules are not so much caused by an increase in the structure of water as they are by the tendency of water to remain in aggregates in the mixtures.”*

## Comparison: low and high concentration



# Principle Microscale thermophoresis



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